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MINUTES OF THE 23RD MEETING OF
THE PROVINCIAL LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT BOARD
HELD AT MELACHEVEL (TINNEVELLY DT.) AT 4 P.M. ON

6TH AUGUST, 1948.

P r e s e n t: -

Hon'ble Sri K. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Agriculture. — Chairman

Sri V.C. Vellingiri Gounder, M.L.A. (Central)
Rev. E. Tenbrink, Principal, American Arcot Mission Agricultural Institute
Sri R. Ramjeedas Iyer, Zamindar of Kannivadi
Sri S.R. Subramaniam, B.A.
Mr. P.K. Moideen Kutty, M.L.A.
Mr. M.S. Sivaraman, I.C.S., Director of Agriculture
Sri K.S. Nair, Director of Animal Husbandry
Major T. Murari, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry
Sri G.R. Viswanathan, Livestock Development Officer
Sri S.V. Mudaliar, Principal, Madras Veterinary College, Madras
Sri Rao Sahib K. Muthukrishna Naidu, Additional Joint Registrar of Co-operative Societies. — Members

Mr. C.V. Narasimhan, M.B.E., I.C.S. Deputy Secretary to Government, Development Department — Secretary

Item 1 in the Agenda:

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The Board confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Item II in the Agenda:

Action taken on the recommendations of the Board at its previous meeting held on 12th April 1948.

(1) Wire fencing for the Kancha.

The Chairman said that the Government have since sanctioned the necessary expenditure for wire fencing. He also informed the Board that the Legislature has voted the amount for construction of quarters to the Assistant Surgeon and enquired of the Joint Director of Animal Husbandry at what stage the construction was. Major Murari explained that the P.W.D. was not taking up the construction promptly and that there was long delay in the matter. In reply to the Chairman he said that there is similar delay in the construction of the hostel in Hosur Farm also. The Board considered that it would be desirable to have a separate Engineer for the Animal Husbandry Department and that all works relating to this Department might be entrusted to this Engineer so that there may not be any delay in the execution of such works.

(2) Taking the census of cattle in the Province:

A copy of a note on the methods of conducting livestock census by the Economic Adviser was circulated to the members of the Board. Mr. Narasimhan said that Dr. Natarajan had explained

the difficulties of integrating an Agricultural and Veterinary census with human census at the last meeting and that he had seen a letter from the Statistical Adviser to the Govt. of India from which it would appear that the Central Government would be sending a final plan to the Provinces shortly. He suggested that the work might be entrusted to a Central Organisation if one was set up by the Government of India. Sri V.C. Vellingiri Gounder doubted the usefulness of these statistics and after some discussion it was decided that the subject might be taken up at the next meeting.

(3) Keeping of Breeding Bulls in every firka where there is none at present and supply of cows and bulls on instalment basis

The Chairman mentioned that he had received complaints that the 3 Sindhi bulls supplied to the Agricultural Research Station, Koilpatti were not serving properly and that they had been returned to the Veterinary Hospital. Mr. Nair explained with figures that those bulls had since begun to serve. The Chairman said that what was required was that the bulls should be made more useful.

Mr. Moideen Kutty requested that some breeding bulls might be supplied to the Co-operative Societies in Malabar. The Chairman observed that while he agreed with Mr. Moideen Kutty, there was difficulty of shortage of bulls. Mr. Narasimhan said that during his recent visit to Delhi he had discussed the matter with the Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and that he understood that out of 550 Sindhi bulls which the Government of India expected to get from Pakistan about 70 to 80 might be allotted to Madras.

Item III in the Agenda:

Formation of a Breed Association for Ongole.

Mr. Murari explained that the scheme is on the same lines as the Kangayam Cattle Breeders' Association and that for the revival of the breeding industry and for a steady and unfailing supply of Ongole stock it is very necessary to form an association of the important individual stock breeders of Ongole Cattle with a view to pool their resources and ventilate their problems and difficulties. Mr. Vellingiri Gounder while supporting the scheme urged that larger grants should be given to breeding associations to enable them to extend the scope of their activities. There was a discussion as to why artificial insemination should not be tried in places where there are shortage of bulls. After discussing the pros and cons the Board decided to accept the scheme in principle.

Item IV in the Agenda:

Development of Ongole, Kangayam and Hallikar Cattle through the agency of Joint Stock Companies Cattle Breeding Societies or large-scale individual farmers.

Mr. Murari explained the need for the scheme.

Mr. Narasimhan suggested that the scheme may be amended so as to provide for the free return of the animals contributed by the Government after a certain period instead of buying them at higher prices. Mr. Murari pointed out that this would mean that the Govt. lose control over the firm if the bulls were withdrawn. He said that Government should lend the services of stockmen compounders and attendants for technical advise, proper supervision etc. After some discussion, the Board generally approved the scheme and requested the Joint Director to give details of the financial implications of the scheme.

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Item V in the Agenda:

Raising herds of Sahiwala and Tharparkars at Govt. farms at Hosur, Lam and Vizagapatam.

Mr. Murari explained the scheme and emphasised the urgent need for production of more milk for which the rearing of good cows capable of giving high milk-yield is essential.

The Chairman observed that it was very difficult to get good herds from Pakistan and that there was a great demand for good milch animals in the Indian Dominion and the States. He informed the Board that Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister (Govt. of India) has agreed to spare a few Sahiwals and Tharparkars and that he would/reminded about it if supply is not received within a month. It was stated that the Govt. of India propose to open a Central Livestock Farm and that for this purpose they have ear-marked the present available stocks of milch animals. The Chairman also suggested that Mysore Government might be approached by the Madras Government to spare some good animals. The Board approved the scheme.

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Item VI in the agenda:

Scheme for the salvage of dry cows and buffaloes of Ootacamund.

Mr. Murari explained the details of the scheme. The scheme is to be run by a private agency, viz. The Ootacamund Milk Supply Society on the same lines as the Kancha Salvage Society in Madras. The Forest Department have agreed to lease a portion of the Wenlock godowns for grazing 1000 head of cattle on payment of grazing fees The non-recurring expenditure to Government will be Rs.18,800/- and recurring Rs.4,300/- per year.

The Board approved the scheme but pointed out that the fee proposed to be levied, viz. Rs.2/- per head of cattle was too low and that it might be raised. The Board was also of the view that as grazing will be done intensively the Government should manure the grazing grounds and adopt rotational grazing.

VII - Date of the next meeting:

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Board at Lam (Guntur district) towards the end of October or early in November 1948, the exact date to be fixed later.

C. V. Narasimhan,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Attention is invited to the minutes of the P.L.I. Board meeting held at Melachavel on 6-8-48 on pp.69-70 c.f. The action taken on the minutes is briefly indicated below:--

Item II in the Agenda:

(1) wire-fencing for the kancha - The Director of Animal Husbandry is being asked to submit proposals for the appointment of a separate Engineer for the Animal Husbandry Department in consultation with the Chief Engineer.

(2) Taking the census of cattle in the Province.-

Relevant extracts have been sent to Public (E & S) Department. Arrangements will also be made to include the subject in the Agenda for the next meeting.

(3) Keeping of breeding bulls in every firka where there is none at present and supply of cows and bulls on instalment basis -

No action is called for. Relevant extracts be added to the conferned file on the subject. An extract has been submitted separately with a note to this effect.

Item III in the Agenda:

Formation of a Breed Association for Ongole

The matter has been referred to the Director of Animal Husbandry.

Item IV in the Agenda:

Development of Ongole, Kangayam and Hallikos cattle through the agency of Joint Stock Companies etc.

The file has been submitted separately with a note.

Item V in the agenda:

Raising herds of Sahinvals and Tharparkars at Ooty farms at Lam, Hosur and Vizagapatam.

The matter has been referred to the Director of Animal Husbandry.

Item VI in the Agenda:

Scheme for the salvage of dry cows and buffaloes of Ootacamund

Orders have been obtained on a note put up on the subject and the file has been submitted separately with a Draft Memo to the Director of Animal Husbandry.

Item VII:

Date of the next meeting - A separate file has been started on the subject.

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